

California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley Water/Energy Workgroup Meeting

**Thursday, December 8, 2005, 1:00-5:00 PM
University of California, Merced
5200 North Lake Road
Merced, California**

Minutes

RE: Water/Energy Work Group “Report Out” of UC Merced meeting preceding full Partnership Board meeting on December 9, 2006

Attendees: Christina Varner, KEDC Bakersfield; Paula Landis, DWR, Fresno, Kamyar Guivetchi, DWR Sacramento; Patrick Wiemiller, City of Fresno, Utilities; Connie Conway, Tulare County Supervisors; Dave Zoldoske, CWI, CSU Fresno; Cheryl Lehn, C. J. Costa’s Office; Coke Hallowell, Fresno; Jay Chamberlain, Resources Agency (Asst. to S. Chrisman); Paul Boyer, City of Farmersville; Mike Lynch, Great Valley Center; Jim Tischer, CWI, CSU Fresno (list of attendees and contact information attached)

Meeting called to order at 1:20 PM with Paul Boyer, City Councilman of Farmersville serving as convener and Jim Tischer CSU Fresno, California Water Institute as facilitator.

Following brief introductions by all participants, Paul reviewed the overall charge of the California Partnership and the specific charge of the Water/Energy Workgroup, expected deliverables and timelines. Connie Conway, Chair of Tulare County Board of Supervisors and Co-Chair of California Partnership commented that a key goal of the Partnership was to be inclusive of individuals, organizations, agencies, and businesses in the 8 county San Joaquin Valley and not exclusive. Paul also discussed Partnership terminology, principles and ground rules, the expected collaborative process and the need for a regional view versus factionalism. The Partnership website is: <http://bth.ca.gov/capartnership/sanjoaquinvalley.asp>

Jim Tischer followed up with an overview of recent collaborative water processes to include the just completed California Department of Water Resources Bulletin 160-05 a five year effort to provide a detailed overview of California water resources, requirements, needs and challenges for policymakers, agencies and the public. The website link to the California Water Plan website is: <http://www.waterplan.water.ca.gov> The DWR effort developed 14 recommendations for policy makers and agencies for the next 25 years.

Tischer followed up with a brief overview of the recently completed Association of California Water Agencies “Blueprint for California Water” <http://acwa.com/issues/blueprint/blueprint.pdf> The ACWA Blueprint developed 12 policy recommendations for policy makers and agencies.

Jim visually likened the DWR effort to a 10,000 ft. five-year flyover of the entire California water scene. The ACWA effort could then be viewed as a closer 18 month 5,000 ft. flyover of the entire state. The California San Joaquin Valley Partnership’s Water effort could then be viewed as similar to a 1,000 ft. overview with local elected officials and agencies providing leadership down to ground level.

Paul also mentioned an extensive federal effort to develop a San Joaquin Valley Regional Water Plan at the behest of area congressmen Radonovich, Cardoza, Nunez and Costa that will be a companion effort to the California Partnership but of longer duration and more comprehensive. More information on the SJV Regional Water Plan can be found at the California Water Institute website: <http://www.californiawater.org>

Jim and Paul were asked by a participant why energy was included in the California Partnership charge for the Water/Energy Work Group. The reply was that over 20% of all the energy used in California, in excess of 55,000 megawatts annually, is used to pressurize water either from the source, canals, water districts to farmers, fresh water treatment agencies and services to urban water users followed by waste water treatment and return to the source. The Water Work group determined at the September 16, 2006 Stockton Partnership meeting to add Energy to its portfolio. Resources Secretary Chrisman additionally requested that the Water/Energy Work Group add Flood Control to its charge as well. This was also agreed to by participants.

Following a brief break at 2:30 p.m. the attendees heard detailed presentations on California Water Plan Bulletin 160-05, ACWA Blueprint and San Joaquin Valley Regional Water Plan.

Making the detailed California Water Plan presentation were Kamyar Guivetch, DWR Manager of Statewide Water Planning, Sacramento; kamyarg@water.ca.gov (916) 653-3973 and Paula Landis, DWR San Joaquin District Chief, Fresno; plandis@water.ca.gov (559) 230-3310. A copy of the Water Plan Abstract may be found at: http://www.waterplan.water.ca.gov/docs/cwpu2005/Abstract/Water-Plan-Abstract_09-29-2005_.pdf

Steve Hall, Executive Director of ACWA, Sacramento; steve.hall@acwa.com (916) 441-4545, made the detailed presentation of the "Blueprint for California Water-No Time to Waste." A copy of Steve's presentation may be found at: http://www.acwa.com/issues/blueprint/Blueprint_external_July_2005.ppt (this is a 9MB file!) The ACWA Blueprint recommendations are at: http://www.acwa.com/issues/blueprint/blueprint_issue_focus.asp

Dave Zoldoske, Director, California Water Institute, CSU Fresno; david_zoldoske@csufresno.edu, (559) 278-2066 made a presentation on the federal San Joaquin Valley Regional Water Plan. A detailed briefing on the federal effort may be found at: <http://www.californiawater.org/newlook/sjvrwp.html>

Following a vigorous Q&A session at the group took a short break at 4:15 p.m.

The Water/Energy Work Group reconvened at 4:30 p.m. to wrap up the afternoon and lay the groundwork for the next steps in its charge.

The Work Group made the following determinations; (Action Items, key individuals underlined and date certain completion bolded)

1. The Water/Energy Work Group should seek wider participation from interested, experienced individuals in the 8 county areas and encourage those people to attend the January meeting. The working group size should be approximately 12-14 people broadly based with specific expertise in water, energy, flood control issues, subscribe to Partnership principles, be willing to attend all work group meetings and contribute to the Final Report. Paul Boyer will take the lead. Connie Conway will issue the invitation letters. New participants to attend January 12, 2006 meeting in Fresno.

2. The Water/Energy Work Group should make every effort to converge efforts and stay on a parallel path with the federal San Joaquin Valley Regional Water Plan efforts. With the understanding that the timing of the two efforts is slightly different but that the overall goals are in harmony. Paul Boyer to be the liaison to the SJV Regional Water Plan effort.

3. The Water/Energy Workgroup will address assigned issues in the following order with work products delivered to the full Partnership Board as indicated: (Coordination with other workgroups to occur before preliminary Board submittal with any necessary revisions made prior to final submittal. Report format TBA)

ASSIGNED ISSUE AREA	RESEARCH PERIOD	PRELIMINARY ISSUE AREA RECOMMENDATIONS TO SJV BOARD
WATER	January 06	
	February 06	
	March 06	March 23, 2006
FLOOD CONTROL	April 06	
	May 06	May 25, 2006
	June 06	
ENERGY	July 06	July 20, 2006
	Aug 06	
	September 06	
Open	October 06	Final Report Submittal to Governor

4. Knowledgeable technical speakers will be sought to address and frame key issue areas for Water/Energy Work Group members to deliberate. Paul Boyer and Jim Tischer will caucus with Resources Agency staff and others to develop technical speakers.

4. The Water/Energy Work Group will request 45 minutes on the agenda at the March 10, 2006 Bakersfield Partnership Board meeting to brief members on the DWR Bulletin 160-5 Report and ACWA Blueprint from which Water/Energy Work Group San Joaquin Valley specific recommendations will be made. Paul Boyer to caucus with Connie Conway and request agenda item from Secretary McPeak.

5. The January meeting of the Water/Energy Work Group will be hosted on Thursday, January 12, 2006 9:00 am to noon by the California Water Institute at 5370 N. Chestnut Avenue, Fresno, CA 93740 on the CSU Fresno campus. Geographically diverse host organizations will be sought for February-July 06 meetings. Conference calls will be utilized whenever possible to minimize transportation/lodging expense.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

s/
Jim Tischer/Scribe

